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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, LI, WA, SF

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SUPPORT REQUEST FOR LIBERIAN FORCES IN
UNTAG

REF: MONROVIA 6052

1. AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, USUN MISOFF CONTACTED
LIBERIAN MISSION TO THE UN CONCERNING REQUEST FOR
MILITARY SUPPORT TRANSMITTED REFTEL. SPEAKING TO
LIBERIAN FIRST SECRETARY, IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR
THOMAS, USUN MISOFF NOTED THAT, IN KEEPING WITH PAST
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PRACTICE, ANY REQUEST BY A DONOR GOVERNMENT FOR EQUIPMENT
FOR ITS UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE
SUCH AS UNTAG SHOULD FIRST BE TRANSMITTED TO UN (POSSIBLY
WITH A DROP COPY TO US IF LIBERIANS WISH). UN WOULD
THEN PROBABLY DIRECT A REQUEST TO USG FOR SUPPORT EQUIP-
MENT AND/OR SERVICES FOR ENTIRE MILITARY CONTINGENT OF
UNTAG, INCLUDING LIBERIANS AS WELL AS OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

US WOULD REPLY DIRECTLY TO UN SECRETARIAT RATHER THAN TO GOVERNMENTS OF NATIONS DONATING CONTINGENTS TO UNTAG.

2. ON AUGUST 22 LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR THOMAS, HAVING PRESUMABLY EITHER MISINTERPRETED THE MESSAGE OR HAVING BEEN MISINFORMED BY HIS FIRST SECRETARY, TELEPHONED

MISOFF TO EXPRESS DELIGHT AT LEARNING THAT US HAD AGREED TO OUTFIT LIBERIAN UNIT FOR UNTAG, AND SAID THAT HE HAD CABLED NEWS OF OUR AGREEMENT TO MONROVIA. MISOFF DIS-ABUSED THOMAS WHO NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN UNENVIABLE POSITION OF HAVING TO SEND CORRECTIVE MESSAGE TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. TO ENSURE AGAINST FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING, EMBASSY MONROVIA SHOULD APPROACH GOL AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL ALONG LINES OF DEMARCHE BY USUN OFFICER IN PARA 1 ABOVE. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT OUR REPLY IS NEITHER AN AGREEMENT NOR A REJECTION, BUT SIMPLY A SUGGESTION AS TO THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO FOLLOW TO ENSURE THAT LIBERIAN NEEDS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO UNTAG, ARE CONSIDERED IN THE PROPER CONTEXT.

4. US HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE, ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, INITIAL AIRLIFT/SEALIFT FOR UNTAG CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. FURTHER REQUESTS FOR SERVICES
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OR FOR SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REIMBURSABLE BY UN AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS OF FACTORS PREVAILING AT THE TIME INCLUDING IMPACT OF PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT ON READINESS OF US FORCES. CHRISTOPHER

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